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SUBJ: SOVIETS ACKNOWLEDGE CONDOMINIUM CONCERNS OF THIRD COUNTRIES

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1. SUMMARY. SOVIET VESTED INTEREST IN CULTIVATING
IMPRESSION OF U.S.-SOVIET CONDOMINIUM IS ACCOMPANIED,
AND PERHAPS SERVED, BY INCREASINGLY EXPLICIT SOVIET
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PROTESTATIONS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NOTHING TO
WORRY ABOUT. SUCH DENIALS, WHEN VIEWED BY OTHER
COUNTRIES AGAINST BACKDROP OF GROWING WARMTH OF U.S.-
SOVIET RELATIONS, MAY FEED RATHER THAN SOOTHE THEIR

FEARS. END SUMMARY.

2. REGULAR FEATURE OF SOVIET COMMENTARY ON SUMMIT HAS BEEN CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS THAT INTERESTS OF THIRD COUNTRIES ARE NOT HARMED BY IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS (SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, ARBATOV ARTICLE REPORTED REFTEL). SURPRISINGLY FRANK DISCUSSION OF THIS ASPECT OF DETENTE BY IZVESTIA POLITICAL OBSERVER BOVIN ON JULY 24 IMPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT SOVIETS FEEL NEED TO REASSURE CONCERNED THIRD COUNTRIES -- PRIMARILY MEDIUM-SIZED AND SMALL -- THAT THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM VIS-A-VIS USSR. HE EVEN ASSERTS THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IS NOWADAYS LESS PRONE TO EMPLOY "GREET-POWER INTERFERENCE" IN THE AFFAIRS OF THESE COUNTRIES, CITING PRESIDENT NIXON'S FIRST INAUGURAL.

3. BOVIN ALSO DESCRIBES NERVOUSNESS OF OUR NATO ALLIES, STATING FORMALLY THAT USSR HAS NO INTEREST IN WHAT GOES ON WITHIN NATO BUT DECLARING INFORMALLY THAT IT HAS NO WISH TO POISON BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND ITS ALLIES. IT IS INSTEAD THE "AGGRESSIVE, ANTI-SOVIET" ORIENTATION OF NATO AS AN ORGANIZATION WHICH MOSCOW OPPOSES. BOVIN OMITTS ANY MENTION OF PROBLEMS WITH SOVIET/WARSAW PACT ALLIES, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY MAY ALSO BE PONDERING IMPLICATIONS OF SUMMIT.

4. ALTHOUGH BOVIN DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR, OTHER COMMENTARIES HAVE IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS GREATER MOST SOURCE OF THIRD-COUNTRY CONCERNS ABOUT U.S.-SOVIET "CONDOMINIUM." APART FROM SCATHING RIPOSTES TO CHINESE PROPAGANDA ON THIS THEME, NOTEWORTHY ASPECT OF SOVIET MEDIA TREATMENT IS PRESUMPTION THAT SUCH CONCERNS ARE IN SOME INSTANCES SINCERE, HOWEVER UNJUSTIFIED. BOVIN DEALS WITH SUCH VIEWS BY AVOWING SOVIET RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF ALL NATIONS ON EQUAL BASIS, A CONCEPT HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SAYS IS IMPLICIT IN THE IDEA OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE.

5. COMMENT: BOVIN'S THESIS THAT NATO AS A WHOLE IS MORE DIABOLICAL THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS FITS WELL WITH CURRENT SOVIET DETENTE EFFORTS IN EUROPE, ALLOWING FOR GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS AMONG NATO MEMBERS AS WELL AS BETWEEN NATO COUNTRIES AND USSR. WHILE HE SEEMS TO BE TRYING TO SHOW THAT U.S. AND USSR ARE IN SAME BOAT IN DEFENDING THEMSELVES AGAINST CHARGES OF SUPER-POWER HEGEMONISM, WE ASSUME THAT SOVIETS ARE AWARE THAT THEIR VERY PROTESTS OF INNOCENCE WILL FEED THE SUSPICIONS OF

THIRD COUNTRIES AND WILL THUS SERVE SOVIET INTERESTS
IN CULTIVATING THE IDEA OF SUPER-POWER HEGEMONY.
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